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1. I CALLED DECEMBER 20 ON OPPOSITION LEADER B.A. SNEDDEN WHO
HAD RETURNED DIRECTLY TO MELBOURNE FOLLOWING HIS AMERICAN TRIP.
HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITHHIS RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AND COMMENTED
ON INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS WHICH HE HAD WITH TOP USG OFFICIALS
ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. HE HAD FOUND BOTH US
GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS SYMPATHETIC TO CURRENT
AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT HE FELT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT
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"BEWILDERED" AT FACT AUSTRALIA, WITH FAVORABLE COMBINATION OF

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SO MANY NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATIVELY SMALL POPULATION TO SUPPORT, AND WELL DEVELOPED POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES, COULD FIND ITSELF IN SUCH DEEP DIFFICULTIES. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WHICH AMERICANS GENERALLY HAVE OF THE EVILS OF INFLATION AND CONTRASTED IT WITH AUSTRALIA WHERE PEOPLE ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND EFFECTS OF CONSTANT WAGE AND PRICE ESCALATION.

2. SNEDDEN MADE PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO BENEFICIAL EFFECTS HE THOUGHT MARTINIQUE MEETING WOULD HAVE ON WORLD ENERGY CRISIS. HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT FRENCH HAD AGREED TO COMPROMISE APPROACH TO THE ENERGY PROBLEM, AND FELT THAT NOW FRENCH COULD USE FACE-SAVER OF OECD MEMBERSHIP TO HELP WORK OUT COMMON POSITION FOR SONSUMER COUNTRIES. REGARDING AUSTRALIA'S ROLE, HE SAID WHITLAM GOVERNMENT HAD HELD ALOOF FROM JOINING IEA FOR TOW REASONS: (A) ECONOMICALLY, IT BELIEVED THAT SINCE IT WAS IN GOOD POSITION WITH REGARD TO ENERGY SUPPLIES IT COULD HOLD BACK FROM JOINING DEVELOPED CONSUMER COUNTRIES IN WORKING OUT COMMON POSITION AND THUS HOLD ALL AUSTRALIAN OPTIONS OPEN FOR APPROACHES TO OTHER COMMODITY PROBLEMS. (B) POLITICALLY, WHITLAM GOVERNMENT HAD MADE BIG POINT OF GETTING CLOSE TO "THIRD WORLD" AND KEEPING ITS DISTANCE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SINCE THIRD WORLD" CONTAINED MAJOR OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS UNWILLING TO JOIN DEVELOPED CONSUMER COUNTRIES IN WORKING OUT COMMON POSITION LEST SUCH CO-OPERATION MAR CHERISHED IMAGE OF AUSTRALIA IN THRID WORLD. HIS OPPOSITION COALITION ON THE OTHER HAND BELIEVED THAT AUSTRALIA WHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH DEVELOPED CONSUMERS (WEST AND JAPAN). HE COMMENTED THERE WAS VERY LITTLE PUBLIC UNDER-STANDING OF IMPORTANCE OF IEA AS MEANS OF ACHIEVING COMMON APPROACH TO WORLD ENERGY CRISIS, PRINCIPAL THREAT TO STABLE WORLD ECONOMY.

3. COMMENT: SNEDDEN WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION AND CHANCE IT GAVE HIM TO DISCUSS AT TOP LEVEL THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH PREOCCUPY HIM AND WHICH HE SEES AS THE ROAD TO POWER IN AUSTRALIA. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT HIS VISIT HAD BEEN SO SHORT BUT, IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CURRENT EXTENDED WHITLAM TRIP, COMMENTED THAT HERE WERE SO SERIOUS HE COULD NOT AFFORD EXTENDED ABSECNE.
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